

TITLE

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PERFORMING
COOLING- OR CRYO-THERAPIES FOR, E.G.,
ANGIOPLASTY WITH REDUCED RESTENOSIS OR
PULMONARY VEIN CELL NECROSIS
TO INHIBIT ATRIAL FIBRILLATION
EMPLOYING TISSUE PROTECTION

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/787,599 filed 3/21/01, now U.S. Pat. 6,602,276, entitled "Method and Device for Performing Cooling-or Cryo-Therapies for, e.g., Angioplasty with Reduced Restenosis or Pulmonary Vein Cell Necrosis to Inhibit Atrial Fibrillation" which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/516,319, filed 3/1/00, now U.S. Pat. 6,231,595, entitled "Method and Device for Performing Cooling-or Cryo-Therapies for, e.g., Angioplasty with Reduced Restenosis or Pulmonary Vein Cell Necrosis to Inhibit Atrial Fibrillation" which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/052,545, filed 3/31/98, now U.S. Pat. 6,261,312, entitled "Circulating Fluid Hypothermia Method and Apparatus" and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/215,038, filed 12/16/98, now U.S. Pat. 6,261,312, entitled "Inflatable Catheter for Selective Organ Heating and Cooling and Method of Using the Same". This application is also continuation-in-part and utility conversion of Provisional Application Serial Nos.: 60/272,550 filed 3/1/01, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Inhibiting Tissue Damage During Cryo-Ablation", and 60/273,095 filed 3/2/01, entitled "Annular Ring Balloon for Pulmonary Vein Cryoplasty", all of the above are incorporated herein.

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